



MEETING MINUTES

Culture and Arts Commission January 21, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Chair Rohlfs called the meeting of the Culture and Arts Commission to order at 6:36 p.m. Commissioners Present: Chair Rohlfs, Vice Chair Gamble, Jeanne George (arrived late), Pamela Madden, Janet Monaghan, and Melodie Tobin. Excused Absence: Judith Puccini. Staff Present: Ryan Johansen, Ann Mottola, and Tim Wallace. City Council Present: Mayor Rico Medina.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Rohlfs led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA:** No changes.
4. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Minutes from November 19, 2020. **MSC Tobin/Madden.** Accepted 5-0-2.
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Receive Presentation From San Bruno Police Chief Ryan Johansen – **Chief Johansen** introduced himself and explained the direction of the police department.
 - b. Conduct Election of Officers for 2021 – **Commissioner Monaghan** nominated Chair Rohlfs to continue as chair and Commissioner Madden as vice chair. **MSC Monaghan/Gamble.** Accepted 6-0-1.
 - c. Receive Report Out From Chair Rohlfs Regarding Annual Report to City Council – **Chair Rohlfs** stated that a few months ago she presented at a City Council meeting on what had been accomplished in the prior year. She shared that there were two action items from the Council. The first was to explore locations for public murals and the second was for the commission to connect with the library to make recommendations in terms of books focusing around cultural celebrations on art and artists. **Director Mottola** asked if this was something that the commission wanted staff to report back on. She explained a staff report would give an overview, explore what those programs would look like, and would set the framework for a discussion item. **Mayor Medina** stated that when members

of Council comment about a commission's yearly report, it is not direction of the Council and aren't marching orders. He explained that the Council assigns and appoints people to make a professional, impartial recommendation and bring it forward to Council. The Commission as the appointed body has the ultimate say of the views, thoughts, and objectives to bring back to Council. **Chair Rohlfs** requested that staff do a report.

- d. Approve 2021 Meeting Schedule – **Superintendent Wallace** presented the meeting schedule. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. **MSC George/Madden**. Accepted 6-0-1.
- e. Approve Stipend for Artists Selected for Community Art Gallery Display – **Superintendent Wallace** stated that over the past few years there have been fewer artists submitting work for the gallery. In order to encourage more artists, a stipend of \$250 is being recommended for any artists approved to display their work. If approved, it will be part of the fiscal year 2021/2022 budget that will need to be approved by Council. Discussed by the Commission. **MSC George/Monaghan**. Accepted 6-0-1.

9. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- a. Commissioner Puccini – SWA Gallery open Wednesday-Saturday 11-3. SWA demos available free of charge on YouTube. – **Chair Rohlfs** announced that the Society of Western Artists Gallery is open.

10. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:** None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no other business to be conducted, **Chair Rohlfs** adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.